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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 25, 2011**. The rain that fell over most of Mississippi this week slowed harvesting activities in those areas. Crops saw minimal increases in the amount harvested, while corn is nearly completed. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, only 9 percent of Mississippi experienced dry conditions last week. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 18 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending September 25, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	98	96	100	92
Cotton, open bolls	92	85	97	89
Cotton, harvested	17	11	47	27
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	94	92	96	94
Peanuts, dug	13	4	--	--
Peanuts, harvested	7	1	18	15
Rice, mature	99	98	100	98
Rice, harvested	73	65	84	67
Sorghum, coloring	100	100	100	100
Sorghum, mature	100	97	100	99
Sorghum, harvested	93	80	94	82
Soybeans, turning color	93	88	96	92
Soybeans, dropping leaves	80	69	86	80
Soybeans, harvested	36	31	64	55
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	50	45	61	42
Winter Wheat, planted	10	4	5	3
Winter Wheat, emerged	3	--	1	0

Crop condition for week ending September 25, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	1	6	29	47	17
Hay	1	15	46	37	1
Livestock	0	16	41	32	11
Pasture	4	18	40	37	1
Peanuts	0	4	32	50	14
Soybeans	3	7	21	52	17

## Comments

“The storm Sunday night brought county-wide rainfall which will delay harvest. The strong winds also blew down much of the remaining rice crop. We are getting into the harvest of later planted rice and soybean crops, so those yields are beginning to drop off a little, as you would expect. Many farmers with empty fields have begun fall tillage practices.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Cotton is cutting out at a rapid pace now. Which defoliant to use is a major topic of conversation now with the changes in temperature fluctuating like they are. All week we had a good run on soybean harvest and very little is left. With the prices holding up, we're trying to get it all out of the field.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Rain and cool temps stopped defoliation until Monday. Some cotton was picked over the weekend but very little. Most will be receiving defoliation treatments this week. Crickets are showing up in large numbers in newly planted ryegrass fields.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rain has halted the harvest for now. Most cotton has been defoliated and soybeans will be ready for harvest in a couple of weeks.”

— Brent Gray, Yalobusha

“Harvesting is proceeding well in most localities, with cotton showing the effects of tropical storm Lee in reduced harvesting efficiency and cotton that will likely be lower in quality as the result.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“The rain will stop farmers from harvesting again. We need some sunshine to pick cotton and cut soybeans.”  
— Don Respass, Quitman

“Recent showers have interrupted corn harvesting. Last cuttings of hay are finishing up. Soybeans are beginning to dry down.”  
— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Showers and cloudy days have slowed hours in the day suitable for harvest. Farmers continue to do fall fieldwork preparing for the next crop year.”  
— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Damp weather at the beginning of the week slowed cotton defoliation and all harvest activities. Rain fell over the weekend again slowing harvest activities and fall tillage work.”  
— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Cotton harvest is getting in full force in the county. Corn harvest is basically over with. Soybean Group V is beginning to be harvested. Rain over the weekend might keep some in the county out of the field for a day or two.”  
— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Many acres of winter forages have been planted since the report last week. Some folks are still holding off because of the threat of armyworms but others are willing to take the chance. There are some of the older producers that gauge their planting by the ending of the State Fair-then it's time to plant. Hay harvest is near the end with lots of hay baled this summer.”  
— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Heavy rains throughout the area have halted fieldwork for now but as soon as it dries up some, harvest will begin with cotton and soybeans in the next week or so.”  
— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Drier weather has allowed hay harvest to continue. Producers are preparing ground for fall planting, but some moisture is needed to get it off to a good start. Late planted soybeans are beginning to turn.”  
— Richard Hay, Amite

“Cotton is ready for defoliation and boll opener but conditions have been cool and damp. Moisture from Tropical storm Lee has soaked in the ground and we could use some more moisture for winter grasses. Most hay has been cut, but some farmers waiting for a late cut and hoping to get more growth. Peanuts are not quite ready for digging.”  
— Lee Taylor, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 25, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	84	52	70	73	-3	1.55	0.85	3	2.55
Cleveland	89	50	71	74	-3	0.60	-0.17	3	0.64
Extreme/Average	89	50	71	72	-1	1.08	0.36	3	1.60
<b>North-Central</b>									
Batesville 2SW	86	50	70	71	-1	0.85	0.08	2	3.35
Hickory Flat	84	47	68	70	-2	2.70	1.80	4	6.26
Holly Springs 4	87	48	69	69	0	3.90	3.06	4	4.90
Independence 1W	84	51	69	71	-2	2.51	1.71	3	2.98
University	86	51	70	70	0	2.59	1.75	3	8.24
Extreme/Average	87	47	69	71	-2	2.51	1.67	3	5.15
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	83	48	68	70	-2	1.77	0.93	3	9.76
Corinth City	83	49	68	72	-4	0.10	-0.88	1	3.94
Pontotoc Exp	85	52	70	72	-2	0.89	-0.09	3	4.37
Verona Exp	87	50	70	72	-2	1.28	0.34	3	6.30
Extreme/Average	87	48	69	71	-2	1.01	0.09	3	6.09
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	89	53	74	74	0	0.75	0.05	2	2.04
Moorhead	89	53	73	74	-1	0.02	-0.82	2	1.72
Rolling Fork	92	51	73	73	0	0.00	-0.74	0	2.02
Yazoo City 5NNE	91	55	76	74	2	0.20	-0.50	1	2.70
Extreme/Average	92	51	74	74	0	0.24	-0.53	1	2.12
<b>Central</b>									
Canton	88	48	72	74	-2	0.22	-0.48	2	6.54
Carthage 3SW	88	51	75	73	2	0.62	-0.18	3	9.63
Forest 3S	87	49	71	73	-2	0.87	0.03	3	13.73
Kosciusko	85	52	71	73	-2	0.89	0.05	1	5.57
Winona 5E	85	47	69	69	0	1.10	0.25	3	3.73
Extreme/Average	88	47	72	73	-1	0.74	-0.08	2	7.84
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	82	50	70	72	-2	0.90	-0.01	2	3.60
Columbus	83	52	70	73	-3	1.10	0.27	1	6.86
Macon 2E	86	49	71	72	-1	1.75	0.94	1	9.14
State University	87	49	71	72	-1	1.33	0.51	3	6.99
Extreme/Average	87	49	70	73	-3	1.27	0.43	2	6.65
<b>Southwest</b>									
Brookhaven City	87	58	73	74	-1	1.05	0.20	2	9.48
Crystal Springs	89	55	74	74	0	0.55	-0.48	1	7.64
Natchez	88	54	72	75	-3	0.65	-0.19	2	6.78
Vicksburg	89	57	74			0.00		0	6.28
Extreme/Average	89	54	73	74	-1	0.56	-0.31	1	7.55
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	86	59	73	74	-1	1.10	0.13	1	10.05
Columbia	89	62	76	75	1	1.22	0.28	3	9.52
Monticello	91	60	77	74	3	0.45	-0.39	3	0.45
Raleigh	86	52	70			1.20		1	10.52
Extreme/Average	91	52	74	74	0	0.99	0.05	2	7.64
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	87	62	75	75	0	1.95	0.99	3	12.50
Laurel	87	60	74	74	0	3.15	2.16	3	8.82
Newton Exp				72		1.32	0.48	2	6.79
Waynesboro 2W	89	61	76	73	3	2.24	1.19	2	9.48
Extreme/Average	89	60	75	74	1	2.17	1.21	3	9.40
<b>State</b>	92	47	72	73	-1	1.19	0.34	2	6.43

DFN = Departure from Normal.